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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1 – 3.

Part B. for

SUBJECT.

Confidential report of Mr. Pilkington on the affairs of the Saklespur Agr. Bank.

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Sl. 2. No. 2500 dy. 14-5-03. From the Rev. Comr. Forwarding a letter from the Inspector of Coffee-Estates in Continuation of the above.

Sl. 3. No. Fl. 2033-6. dy. 25-5-03. To the Rev. Comr., D.C. of Hassan & Kadur & Mr. Pilkington. G. R. S. 58
Stating that the D.C. was right, and directing that till the agreements are signed by all the parties, according to orders already passed in No. R. 2407-10 dy. 28-11-02, no money be advanced to either of the Banks.

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Recd 2 at 5 Pm.

As there is no time to note on this matter, this is submitted for orders at once.

I fear that assuming management of the Company estates is a risky business for Govt to undertake in a hurry. The assumption even if made by the bank nominally, is virtually an undertaking by Govt.
(Part of the file is put up)

2/5/23

The Dewan
through the
1st Councillor

R: 7.30 Pm. 3/5/23
Camp Ooty.
1123

I have given the letter my best consideration but cannot give any useful opinion in the absence of an office note on each of the points touched upon by Mr Pilkington I believe

I some reports
have been received
from the D.P.I
Hassan on the same
subject, but I do not
see them put among the
papers before me.
I cannot understand
why Govt should not
allow the management
of the Banks to the
Dist Commissr

4/5/1903

Coty 10096
5-5-03 01724

Even then office
rules would be necessary
to impose.

Why did the new
Govt receive any
communication which
ought to have been ad
-dressed to Govt.

The case about
ordevara is pending
in another connection
& the Govt Advr has
been asked to be con
-sulted.

All the arrangements
are agreed on per orders
already passed no
action need be taken

3 I am quite in favour of spending any money in any estate where there is only "a reasonable hope" of profits accruing three years after. No money should be spent under such conditions.

We left in sending away the paper in a hurry without noticing overlooking the fact that myself other 7 Councils were deprived of the reasonable help which the Secretariat was expected to give -

What should be done is myself send a copy of the Pleadings on the Advocates & Clerks to the Councils concerned

11. V. 03

Early
D.A. Hon
15/5/03

15/5/03

The order has been issued as directed above. The paper was sent up at once as Mr. Pilkington's letter was so alarmist, and as I am rather afraid of Communications from Rev. Comm: being delayed even reasonably for ~~account~~ ~~of~~ various reasons.

Mrs should not be

That is my excuse for not having sent the Paper for 'office' note But I may be permitted to doubt if any other opinion than I have already stated would have been added.

H

23/5/03

The Viceroy

Whether becoming the report of Dep Comrs if any what has become of the papers which I refer about Dodeware and which I say has been sent to Port Admiral — Mr Pilking called on me today and there is much which he has evidently and rightly decision — I shall be glad if the Dep Commissioner see him and favour me with his views — or if he prefers it I shall be glad to see Mr Pilkington with the Dep Commissioner here on Saturday and settle the whole business — Mr Seely & Mr Ramaswamier may also be present. Say at 1 on Saturday. Intimate this to Mr Pilkington after ascertaining

Please issue the order as submitted in the draft
H
23/5/03

Meanwhile called for by the Secretary to Council returned from Simla 16/6/03
To be submitted to the Viceroy
H
16/6/03

10852
6-6-03.

Put up with Viceroy's letter
H
for V/

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from the 7th Councillor about his
rents - the matter is urgent
and requires early & prompt dis
posal - Absolutely nothing useful
has been done up to date except
advancing some little money
on the estates whereas that
money has not been, Mr Pilkington is
not, & Lansford - Col Newsam's House

17. VI. 03

Urgent

To the V.
Councillor
Hy
18/6/3

R: 18/6/03 18/6/03
4.30 pm.
1256.

I shall be very happy
to meet the Dewan at any
hour that maybe convenient
but as a meeting of council — on Saturday
Comes off in the morning may
I suggest 3 P.M. on the afternoon
for meeting Mr Pilkington

10911
18.6.03

18/6/1903
5. PM

3.0 PM would
suit - must
be ready
Pilkington
papers

To the Dewan
Hy
18/6. 5 PM

Inform both Mr. Pilkington &
the 1st Councillor & Keep the
Papers ready - Let me see
them beforehand Hy
19/6/03

I Mr Dewan
Mr Pilkington
Hy
19/6/03

11463
K 7.03.

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Music a sheet
Plans a contra Plan
W contra Plan 33 sh

~~Elaborate~~ Plan 148/7/03

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This is one of the files connected with the Coffee Banks - It was received here along with the other files yesterday - As there is nothing to shew that this was intended for submission to the Devon this is returned to the Hauzen Head Sheriffdom 16.7.03. Ltrs.

Submitted to Mr Secretary -

The result of the meeting is, I remember right, recorded on the connected reference - This file was kept with the ~~Debt~~ Plans for ref. - Mr Pilkington's letter 8.14.7.03 Ltrs. rec'd. is put up for

18/7/03

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SS ERVE FOR SCOPE

Mr. Pilkington's letter asking for instns (if any) is submitted for orders.

20/7/03

20/7/03

To the Dewan.
through the 1st. Councillor.

R.o 20/7/03
night 1375.

Seen 29/7/03

2/7/03

11678/23.VII.03

0329 Have issued orders mail pending papers — Send drafts of information asked for in letter.

Sland.

24.VII.03

2577

Draft

24/7/03

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Office of the Asst Collector
Bangalore 19th June/03

Dear 1) Mr Ramachandra
2) Mr Pitchaglu

19/6/03

A meeting will be held at the Deputy Residence at 3 p.m. on Saturday the 20th inst to discuss certain matters in connection with the Asst. Bank at Sakleshpur and the Kunigalu. You are requested to attend the meeting if practicable.

Yours
Jas
19/6/03

19/6/03

A copy of the foregoing is submitted to the 1st Commissioner for information.

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Encl
17.5.
19/6/03

Confidential

No. 2272

Enc: 1

R. 3935.

OFFICE OF THE REV. COMR. IN MYSORE,
Bangalore 18th May 1903

Serial No. 1.

FROM

V. P. MADHAVA RAO, ESQ., C.I.E.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

TO

H. V. NANJUNDAYYA, ESQ., M.A., M.L.,
Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
General and Revenue Depts.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith for orders of Government, in original, a confidential letter received from Mr. H. Pilkington, Inspector of Coffee Estates, dated 23rd April 1903, Camp Sakleshpur

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

C. Madhava Rao

Rev. Commissioner

Received by post
Camp Ooty
27/4/03.

Camp Saklespur Hassan DISTRICT,
ap 23rd 1903.

D. Madhava Rao Esq C.I.E.
Revenue Commissioner

Confidential

Sir, I completed my inspection of the Chikmagalur Agr: Bank Estates, & duly sent in my reports, which will doubtless be laid before you in due course. I endeavoured to arrange the expenditure on these Estates on a basis which would be covered by the probable Cr. of 1903-04, provided seasonable blossom showers fell; and, where I exceeded the value of the crop, I did so anticipating that this expenditure was money well spent; & should, in the ordinary course, result in improving the Estate, & count a larger return in the future.

I regret to say, however, that I find the affairs of the Saklespur Bank are in a much more serious position. Several of the larger Estates, on which a very large portion of the debt is supposed to be secured, are practically abandoned. In many instances Uderavara, Hadige & Kirahalli.

In Govt: Proceedings, No. R. 2407-10. R.F. 100-96 of 28-11-02 regarding the new Loan, Para 1. states "sums of money as are necessary for their upkeep, & could be got back from the crops year after year". The only course open in Uderavara is

(1)

(I) in the older Coffee, to select the hollows where patches of Coffee remain, & systematically work them up -
(II) In the younger coffee, of which there is upwards of 100 acres, & in which the plants stand etc, 'Collar pruning' should be adopted: i.e. saw off the trees just at the ground, preserving any good ones, & regrow a tree by means of Suckers. As the land is made one good, this course will, I think, answer. But, both as regards the old & young Coffee, it will necessitate Govt: cultivating the Estate for 2. or 3. years with no return; though at the end of that period there is a reasonable hope that the Estate will again become self supporting. This is it in accordance with Para. 1. 3 but, in my opinion, there is nothing between (I) Cultivation as here indicated or (II) total abandonment of the estate.

I shall be glad if you will let me know what view the Government takes. As if Cultivation is decided on, it is essential that work be begun at once, as the trees will get beyond all hope of recovery if left untended to three years.

In the case of Liberia if cultivation is decided on, some arrangements must be made for Superintendence; as, owing to a family feud, it would not do to pay the money or entrust the work to the owners. The 2 elder brothers themselves admit this.

Another important point requires settlement. In the Govt:

Govt: proceedings quoted abv, it is said ... that the Members sign a new Agreement re the fresh advance. It is further said that in the letter of Circular that all members must sign.

(1) No new Agreement has yet been sent for signature.

(2) I understand that (1) Ambong Ranganna (2) the two younger brothers of the Uderawa family, will refuse to sign any Agreement. Ranganna only borrowed Rs500/-, has repaid the amount in full So naturally does not wish to increase his responsibility & ask to be allowed to cease to be a member. Would Govt: allow this The Uderawa written refusal would be taken as a reason for assuming the management of the Estate.

I regret that I cannot possibly lay my reports before the Deputy Commissioner of Kegalle before the 3rd or 4th Prox. The work involved in considerable. Uderawa alone has occupied me 3 days including a daily journey of 14 miles. This being so, could not a portion of the sum of Rs5000/-, which was sanctioned in Decr last, be alloted to the members who are working & doing their best; & who, I really believe, are at their wits end for money the present time. I can also advise the Revenue Officer as to, their temporary loans if you will permit the same, & the same can be adjusted after my reports have been received.

I have thought it better to address you direct in regarding

regarding
ere matters, & hope I am right in doing so. My
only other course being write through the Sub-Commr.
Dir: Revr: Officer to the Resp: Comm: of Hassan in which case
the subject matter would probably become known to the
members of the Bank.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
H Gilkison
Supt: of Estates

P.S. I should explain that it has been ruled in this
district. (1) that the new Agreement must be signed
before any of the new Advances is given out.
(2) that it is essential that all members sign
the same -
HG

REVENUE 1903.
Gl. No. — R3967

From

MADHAVA RAO, Esq., C.I.E.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

To

H. V. NANJUNDAYYA, Esq., M.A., B.L.,
Secretary to Govt. of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Revenue & General Depts.

Serial No. 2

Dated 14 · 5 · 03

Despatched 16th May 1903

Received

General No. 2500

Enclosure No. 1

Forwarding in original a letter from the Inspector of Coffee Estates in continuation of this Office R3935— No.2272 dated 1-5-03.

MGC PB—28-2-03—2000.

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No. 2500 C
Enc. 1

Office of the Revenue Commissioner in Myso
Dated Bangalore, 16th May 1903.

From

V.P. Madhava Rao, Esq., C.I.E.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

To

H.V. Nanjundayya, Esq., M.A., M.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No.2272 dated 1st May 1903, forwarding for the orders of Government a confidential letter (in original) received from Mr. H. Pilkington, Inspector of Coffee Estates, I have the honor to forward another letter received from the same officer.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Revenue Commissioner.

Office of the Resident
Bangalore 19th June/03.

Dear 1) The Commissioner
2) The Collector.

19/6/03

A meeting will be held at the Dewan's Residence at 3 p.m. on Saturday the 20th inst. to discuss certain matters in connection with the Agl. Bank & at Sakleshpur and Chickmagalur. You are requested to attend the meeting if practicable.

Yours
faithfully

19/6/03

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Copy of the foregoing is submitted to the 1st Commissioner for information.

Secy. to the Govt.
19.6.
19/6/03

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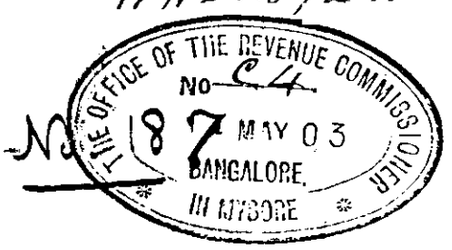

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Camp Hassan

May 4th 1903

From H Gilkington. Inspr of Coffee Estates

To V. P. Madhava Rao Esq. C. I. E.

Dep: Commissioner in Mysore

Sir I am in receipt of your letter No. 2273. of 1st Inst. & note contents.

In continuation of what I wrote on 23rd ult. I beg to inform you that as the Deputy Commissioner of Hassan was about to proceed on leave, I came into Hassan & placed him my reports on each Estate (in the rough), on the 3rd; together with an Abstract showing the position as a ~~whole~~ body.

As the position is very serious he has asked me to send him the Abstract as soon as possible, that he may forward the same to the Government.

This I am now preparing.

In the latter part of my letter of 23rd ultimo. I asked if a portion of the Temporary Loan sanctioned in December for Rs 5000/- might now be advanced to certain members of the Sakleshpur Bank, stating in a post-script 2 local rulings for not allowing the same. The Deputy Commissioner has since ruled that the advance was permissable: and I have therefore recommended certain payments which have been made. The question is therefore temporarily settled. I have

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
H Pilkington

Mesa Serial No. 3.

The following letters
from the Resr. Comm.
in Bury Road.

1 Letter No. 2272 D/1st May
1903 submitting for
orders in original a Con-
fidential letter D/23-4-03
from Mr. Pickington
Inspector of Coffee Estates
reporting on some of the
Estates of the Salaberry
Agricultural Bank.

2. Letter No. 2500 D/14-5-03
submitting another
Communication D/
4-5-03 in Continuation
from the Inspector of
Coffee Estates on the
same subject

Cos da Mesa.

Mr. Pickington, Inspr.
of the Coffee Estates
reports that the affairs
of the Salaberry Bank
are in a desperate position,
that several of the
largest Estates on which
a very large portion

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No. H. 2033-b
D/ 25/5/03.
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of the debt is ~~[illegible]~~ secured are practically abandoned and that in the case of Badadar Estate it will necessitate ~~Govt~~ the management being taken over by Govt for 2 or 3 years with the result that through at the end of that period there is a reasonable hope that the Estate will again become self supporting, the Estate having been allowed to deteriorate owing to family disputes.

The Inspector further ~~reports~~ states that it has been ruled in the Honorary that the new agreement be signed before any ~~loan~~ part of the new advance is given out & that it is essential that all members sign the same.

Govt consider that the Dy Commr was right & direct that all the agreements are signed by all the parties accepting orders already passed in Proc No. R2407-10 Rds 106-96 dt 28-11-02

No money be advanced to either of the Banks.

no action should be taken in the direction of granting advances. They are not in favour of spending any money on any scheme where there is only a "reasonable hope" of profits accruing ~~after~~ three years hence

Mr Pilkington ought to have addressed ~~[illegible]~~ and not the Rev. Canon.

23/5/03

21/5/03

To the Rev. Canon Pilkington
153 Upper Hanover St.
or Keppel St.

Mr. Pilkington Despatch
Coffee Palace

Rec'd 4/40 pm 23/5/03.